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## Huron Valley to close leisure pools for good

**Susan Bromley** Hometownlife.com  
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The leisure pools at Huron Valley Schools will remain closed even after social distancing ends.

District officials recommended permanent closure of the leisure pools during a virtual school board meeting

May 4, and the board members voiced agreement. They will take formal action at a May 18 meeting.

Superintendent Paul Salah kicked off a live-streamed YouTube presentation about the pools by noting the board has to approve a budget by June 30.

Last year, leisure pool costs resulted in a \$500,000 budget deficit.

"We don't get ancillary funds for the pools," Salah said. "Any costs for the pools not covered by membership fees are covered by funds meant to educate kids."

He cited issues the district has been dealing with for some time, including low base foundation allowance, funding from the state that has not kept up with

inflation, declining enrollment, and now, the grim specter of fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

"COVID-19 has not only destabilized the entire economic engine of our country, but our budget in Huron Valley Schools," he said. "Two months ago, if

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## South Lyon's Biggby reopens



Biggby South Lyon owner Karissa Canfield, left, cleans the steamer as employee Elizabeth Rapp makes an order May 7.  
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## Drive-through up as new owner renovates off-limits interior

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While most businesses have closed their doors for the last two months, Karissa Canfield has reopened one.

The New Hudson resident bought the Biggby Coffee at 22729 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon after the previous owners closed its doors in March. Canfield, who also owns the Biggby Coffee located at 30771 Milford Road in New Hudson, said she was approached by the former owner to purchase the coffee shop and jumped at the opportunity.

"I purchased it, came in and did some heavy cleaning," she said. "We switched out some equipment that was damaged or not working and got it up and running in one week."

The shop reopened in late April and has offered drive-through service since opening, per the Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order to keep dining rooms closed until the end of May to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Having the lobby closed to customers made it easy to begin renovating the

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**"The customers have been so happy we're reopened. They come through and compliments galore."**

**Karissa Canfield**  
Owner, Biggby Coffee  
South Lyon, New Hudson locations

## Courts use video apps to stay open

**Susan Vela** Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The 52nd District Court in Novi began returning to some semblance of normal operations amid the coronavirus pandemic this past week.

Judge Travis Reeds sat on the bench in an empty courtroom wearing a mask as he conducted court business via Zoom, a video conferencing platform.

The court building remained closed to the general public and cases and jury trials have been pushed back because of the health crisis.

But a masked judge conducting hearings was forward movement amid the legal paralysis that came with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's state of emergency and stay-at-home orders.

The 52nd District Court has broadcast on its website: "The court will be hearing informal matters, small claims, and some criminal matters via

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## Novi-based mental health co. expanding

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The unusual combination of behavioral health services and banking led a Novi company before the city's planning commission.

Behavioral Care Solutions, located at 39465 W. 14 Mile, has proposed an expansion to the building it currently occupies. The expansion would increase the footprint of the structure by about 3,800 square feet while keeping part of the former bank's drive-through.

That area is currently used as a standalone ATM for PNC Bank, which remains on site as a part of a deal to purchase the property several years ago, said Bob Clemente, CEO of Behavioral Care Solutions.

"The ATM has been present at this

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# Pandemic is tough, but these near-centennarians are tougher

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Get in line, coronavirus pandemic.

You're not the first, the worst, or the hardest time endured by these seniors closing in on a century on this planet.

These women and men lived through a Great Depression, fought a world war and have seen even worse. They're here to offer perspective as the world battles an invisible enemy.

## No place like home

Jim Miles celebrated his 94th birthday by listening to Johnny Cash and eating a sirloin steak dinner at the American House Westland Hunter senior living community.

His birthday was a little different this year. He wore a mask and was distant from family.

But "I'm not gonna sit around and cry," he said.

Miles doesn't mind being at home - it's being away from home that he remembers as difficult.

Just out of high school, he left Alabama for the Army, where he was taught how to drive a tank and sent to Germany, where he served alongside Mel Brooks, who later became a famous comedian.

Miles recalled how afraid he was at night, unable to fall asleep as bombs fell, thinking of home and wishing to be there.

"I'd never been away from home before, but I went to Germany and met

a lot of people over there and went through a war, and I drove that tank and that was the biggest thing - the urge to come home all the time," he said. "Finally, it was over."

He said he received a lot of marriage offers while overseas, and he met a lot of people - and just like here, you stay away from the bad ones and stay with the good ones.

Miles rejected the marriage offers and eventually made his way to Michigan, where he got a job at Ford in Wixom and found the girl he would marry.

Joan was employed by Ma Bell when he met her.

They had five children and shared 39 years of marriage before she died.

He learned in life that hard work is key and there are good people wherever you go.

And even when you can't roam, "home isn't such a bad place to be."

## Horrors of war

Robert Tessmer came from hardy stock.

His father, a tool and die maker, served in World War I. He met Tessmer's mother after returning from France in 1918. She was an Alpena native working at Woolworth's in Detroit.

The couple married on Christmas Eve in 1923, and Tessmer was born Aug. 6, 1925, in a home on Park Street that Henry Ford had built for plant



Betty Hamilton poses for a photo with friends who served in the Navy with her during World War II. COURTESY OF BETTY HAMILTON

workers.

When he was 5, just as the Great Depression was beginning, his parents decided west Dearborn was too rustic and moved across town to east Dearborn.

"We had a very tough time during the Great Depression, but I never knew it. We always had enough to eat and I had a lot of friends to play with," he recalled.

Tessmer was active in the Boy Scouts and recalls collecting aluminum pots and pans and rubber for the war effort while he was a student at Fordson High School.

He was drafted into the Army in December 1943 and the following fall left New York on a ship with 7,000 other men bound for Marseilles, France. They arrived Oct. 20, 1944, trekked 500 miles north to Alsace-Lorraine, and less than a month later were in combat, advancing against the German troops, dug into foxholes and manning the winter line.

"We had to dig them out at a great expense to lives," Tessmer recalled.

They lost a quarter of their company the first day in battle, and a third of their battalion. In the final six weeks of 1944, they advanced 50 miles toward Germany. They had begun with 13,000 men, but by Christmas were down to less than half that despite having received reinforcements.

By mid-April, with his unit just outside of Stuttgart, Germany, the fighting ceased as Germans surrendered in large numbers.

Tessmer recalled his 20th birthday present came with the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, which canceled his planned deployment to Japan.

On Easter Sunday in 1946, Tessmer came home.

That summer, he went on a blind date with Claudine, who was from Plymouth. Four years later, on June 24, 1950, after he completed his engineering degree at the University of Michigan, they wed.

They raised three children in Dearborn and then lived in Northville for 12 years before they moved to Abbey Park at Mill River in Lyon. Tessmer owned a manufacturing business and traveled the world with Claudine.

Tessmer recalled that for years he never shared with his family the horrors of war: the men who died on either side of him, including his best friend; the extreme weather conditions; the lack of proper food.

He has since suffered more tragedy, losing his youngest son three years ago to pulmonary fibrosis, and just over a month ago, after nearly 70 years of marriage, Claudine died.

The coronavirus pandemic is yet another blow.

"The problem with coronavirus is no one understands it or knows what to do with it," Tessmer said. "It's like the bogeyman around the corner, ready to jump out at you. ...

"This will be a tough one for our country, economically and medically and for the whole world."

## Cup o' tea and laughter, best medicine

For Joan Morgan, who has seen her share of suffering, including losing two of her children in infancy, what sets the coronavirus pandemic apart is the loneliness of social distancing.

"Having to be away from people is the hardest time," she said.

Morgan was born Dec. 11, 1925, in England. She was 13 years old when she and her family, gathered around the radio, heard Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declare war against Germany.

Her mother made tea, as she did during any catastrophe, something Morgan is doing a lot of these days, and about which her coffee-drinking friends at Abbey Park laugh.



Robert Tessmer in a photo taken in Stuttgart, Germany in 1945. COURTESY OF ROBERT TESSMER

"It helps me," she said. "If all else fails, drink a cup of tea."

Plenty of scary times followed that tea time in front of the radio as London was bombed. She remembers in particular one Saturday night after walking home after meeting a friend. As 16-year-old Joan passed a churchyard, she heard a "doodlebug" overhead - a German-made self-propelled bomb.

She crouched down to shelter in the churchyard as the bomb hit a farm a short distance away and then began to laugh hysterically as she saw chickens hanging from the trees, flapping their wings.

"The farmyard was completely demolished, but to see that at that time, it looked so funny to see the chickens flapping up in the trees," she recalled. "The bombings, it wasn't something we dwelled on too much, it was an expected thing - 'Oh well, here we go again.'"

"Five years of the war, that was a long time."

She joined the Royal Air Force at age 17 with the permission of her father, a London police officer.

"I kept up on Dad until he gave permission, I just made his life hell," she joked. "I thought I was going to see the world, but I never did."

She served for four years as a World War II ground radio operator.

Joan met Joe Morgan while in the service and they married in 1947. They soon learned the meaning of "for better and for worse."

The couple suffered the loss of two children in infancy, a trauma which Joan said makes the pandemic and every other hard time pale in comparison.

"I think, 'So what, I've seen worse, this is not the worst I've seen in my life,'" she said. "I feel strongly about those revolting, demonstrating."

They have a lot to learn. They need to know a little more about life. Everybody is feeling different and out of their depth, but if we don't hang together, we're going to get lost.

"If you don't hang together, there is no hope."

The dark times early in her marriage were compounded when Joe couldn't find work in England, driving him to apply for a job with the Ford Motor Company. He landed an engineer position in Michigan, for \$200 per month and the family was separated from him by an ocean for two years.

One of Joan's happiest times came when the family reunited one week before Christmas in 1956,

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# Farmington Hills co. delivers ventilator parts

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Mike Hamzey has never seen an order like the one his Farmington Hills distribution company received at the end of March.

Just as most businesses were shutting down, the R.M. Wright Company remained open as an essential business, distributing various parts to the region's factories. Then an order for distributing two types of parts used for building ventilators came in.

"You can't produce anything if you don't have parts," said Hamzey, president and COO of the company. "Manufacturers rely on distributors to get those parts to where they go."

Now, the 80-year-old company on Freeway Park Drive near Halsted and 10 Mile has joined several others in the region in the battle against the coronavirus pandemic.

"We take it extremely seriously, our role in this," Hamzey said. "... You're fighting a sickness that kills."

The company distributes tiny fittings and needle valves needed to build ventilators from the manufacturer to Ford Motor Company, which is building ventilators at the Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti Township. Hundreds of thousands of the small parts are being shipped to the auto plant and to a testing facility in Redford Township.

Mark Lambert, sales manager with the R.M. Wright Company, drives about twice a week to deliver the parts to either facility.

"I'm handling this thing from beginning to end," Lambert said. "I take four different fittings there (to the testing facility in Redford) and they flow test it."



Mike Hamzey, president and COO of the R.M. Wright Company, holds two bags of plastic parts used in the assembly of medical ventilators in his Farmington Hills warehouse. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I just delivered about 40,000 of them."

The company is moving 150,000 needle valves and 400,000 fittings, enough to outfit tens of thousands of ventilators. Hamzey said the order is the largest in the company's history, which dates back to 1940.

While he declined to share the total value of the arrangement, he said it was a "multi-million" dollar transaction.

That funding couldn't come at a better time for the company, which employs 26 people. The R.M. Wright Company has been able to keep everyone on payroll during the pandemic.

One reason the company could do so was because it secured a Paycheck Protection Program loan from the federal government. Having those funds - which the company received with help from its financial institution, Chelsea State Bank - allowed the company to keep its payroll numbers until it received payment for the distribution order.

"It allows us to use our own funding for this project, because there's going to be some lag time between payments," he said. "That money now, instead of being directed toward payroll, and having to be taken out of our credit line, the PPP allowed us to receive funds for two months of payroll. That money got freed up."

Hamzey said he's happy to have been able to keep his longtime employees, he's looking forward to when the pandemic ends and regular work can resume.

In the meantime, he takes pride in his company assisting in the battle against the virus that has shaken the globe, relating to the mantra "arsenal of health," a play on words stemming from Detroit's nickname of the "arsenal of democracy" phrase used during World War II.

"If you look back at World War II and how that was, you knew we were building planes and tanks in a plant, but you had no idea how all that material got there," he said. "Distributors and suppliers like ourselves made that happen."

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after Joe had scrimped and saved and bought a mobile home for Joan and their children, Marilyn and Paul.

Joe walked to the airport in Romulus from the mobile home on Michigan Avenue in Wayne to pick them up, because he didn't have the money for round-trip travel fare.

He wore out his shoes, the children were so unhappy thinking Santa wouldn't find them, they had a "Charlie Brown" Christmas tree, and they ate chicken for their holiday dinner instead of turkey. Sixty-four years later, it remains Joan's favorite Christmas.

"We were together, we were a family. They hadn't seen their daddy for two years," she said. "It was the most enjoyable Christmas I ever had, the first Christmas I came to the States."

But that, she noted, is how life goes: some of the best times are after the worst times.

Joan, who lost her husband 20 years ago, has time now to think of that often. When her mother-in-law was in a nursing home, she said she would look at the people there and pity them, thinking of how lonely they must be as they sat and stared into the distance, at something beyond her vision. Now she sees clearly.

"I thought how lonely they are, but they aren't lonely," she said. "They are thinking of their memories."

At 94, she thinks often of the good times, which still outweigh the bad.

"There will be happy times again," she said. "These things don't last forever. ... I don't consider (the pandemic) harder, I consider it another episode in a lifetime. Each time something happens that is catastrophic, it is another part of life."

Joan said as a Brit, she is "not very emotional," but said that times of stress are another matter. The key difference between this time and other difficulties is the ability to come together in support of each other.

"During World War II, if someone lost a son or daughter and you heard, you went to the house and there were hugs and

tears and love all around," she said. "That is what I miss now. I miss going outside and saying, 'Hi, how are you?' and giving a hug."

"I miss hugs, I can't wait for them again."

For now, she goes on her balcony when she can, soaking in the sun, drinking her tea, and remembering the happy times.

### Rationing comes round again

Betty Hamilton was born Nov. 18, 1923, in Terre Haute, Indiana. She spent time during her elementary school years on her grandparents' farm, where she and her parents had moved to help when her grandparents became ill. She milked the cows and fed the chickens while her brother raised rabbits.

Betty looked up to her brother, who became a schoolteacher. When World War II began and he went into the service, she soon followed, enlisting in the Navy on her 20th birthday. She landed at the Great Lakes shipyards in Bay City, where she worked as a teletype operator for the duration of her service.

The bare grocery store shelves these days draw some similarities to that long-ago time, she said. Hamilton remembers getting ration coupons for meat and cigarettes that she sent to her sister-in-law, and shoes, which she sent to her mother.

Now, she has someone else to bring her the necessities. She is cooped up in her apartment because of the coronavirus pandemic, but tries to maintain her health. When she wakes, she exercises, gets dressed, and breakfast is brought to her room. She does another set of exercises using weights in her room, and then likes to read,



Betty Hamilton, a World War II Navy veteran, plays bingo at American House senior living community in West Bloomfield. COURTESY OF AMERICAN HOUSE



World War II Army veteran Robert Tessmer, 94, sits outside his New Hudson residence on May 7. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

particularly books by James Patterson.

Betty married John Hamilton, a Marine, in Indiana after the war, but was widowed after just 15 years when her husband suffered a heart attack in his early 50s. They had three children.

The grandmother of six urges everyone to take care of themselves.

"Everyone has problems, but we can always resolve them," she said,

speaking by phone from American House in West Bloomfield. "If you feel



World War II Army veteran Jim Miles recently celebrated his 94th birthday at American House Westland Hunter. COURTESY OF AMERICAN HOUSE



Joan Morgan, 94, who joined England's air force at age 17 during World War II, smiles outside her Abbey Park residence on May 7.

good and have pretty good health, that is a blessing. So stay healthy and stay safe, and right now, stay home."

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# Felician convent mourns deaths of 11 sisters

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Typically, Easter Sunday is a celebration of life for those of the Christian faith.

But this Easter was a sad one for the Felician Sisters in Livonia as two women died who had spent much of their lives there serving Christ.

Sister Celine Marie Lesinski and Sister Mary Estelle Printz are among 11 Felician sisters in Livonia to die during the coronavirus pandemic, though they did not all die from COVID-19.

The longstanding convent is known for its service. But for the women who live there, community is a huge part of their lives that isn't possible right now.

"All the sisters here in Livonia are devastated at the loss of so many sisters at one time," said Sister Mary Cynthia Ann Machlik, the former communicator for the Livonia convent. "Sisters, however, that were close in age or are friends are truly heartbroken."

The convent put a no-visitor policy in place during March. Since then, the sisters have abstained from communal Mass and any group gatherings and are regularly screened for COVID-19 symptoms. Despite those precautions, the coronavirus has changed their lives and taken some of their friends.

"The biggest change is the loss of the communal life that is at the heart of the Felician charism. We naturally gather five times a day – in the morning for prayer and Mass, in the evening for prayer and rosary, and three times for meals," said Sister Mary Christopher Moore. "So we dine at the table of the Lord, and we share all our meals together. It may have been that aspect of our lives that may have made us more susceptible when the virus struck."

As Felician nuns, the women dedicated their lives to service and the church. Here's what each of them did during their time in the convent and how they'll be remembered by friends.

## A woman of prayer: Sister Mary Luiza Wawrzyniak

Wawrzyniak died at age 99 on April 10. A Felician for 80 years who joined right after high school, she was known for serving others through prayer.

According to her obituary, "She worked in the laundry and hobby shop, packed bread for the poor and was a prayer minister. Confined to a wheelchair, Sister was self-sufficient for many years and daily she could be found in the main chapel saying the Stations of the Cross. The moments of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament remained the source for her valiant disposition and faithfulness."

During her life of service, Wawrzyniak was also a teacher, laundry helper and was a "sunshine person" for the a convent, meaning she helped uplift the women in the infirmary.

## A teacher: Sister Celine Marie Lesinski

Lesinski was one of Livonia's two sisters to die on Easter Sunday, April 12. She was 92 years old. The Detroit native was with the Felicians for 71 years.

"A teacher, organist, librarian and director of volunteers at Angela Hospice Home Care, Sister Celine Marie led a very active life," her obituary reads. "Teaching, however, was her predominant ministry."

Lesinski was a teacher for 55 years and worked as a librarian for 27 years. In retirement, she served as a prayer minister in Livonia, where she lived from 2005 until her death.

## A principal: Sister Mary Estelle Printz

Printz died Easter Sunday, April 12, at age 95. The Detroit native was part of the Felician congregation for 73 years and wore a number of hats throughout her life. Before joining the Felicians, she spent time working for Chrysler in its contracts department.

According to her obituary, "She began her career as an elementary teacher, then moved to teaching high school business education and served as a principal for 14 years. Sister was also supervisor of the business office at St. Mary Hospital and assisted at two General Chapters with typing and other duties."

In her post-education life, Printz became a local minister for three years before retiring in 2016.

## An advocate: Sister Thomas Marie Wadowski

Wadowski died April 15 at age 73. Hailing from Detroit, she was a Felician Sister for 54 years. As an elementary teacher, she was known to have a spe-



Sr. Mary Clarence Borkoski



Sr. Mary Alice Ann Gradowski



Sr. Victoria Marie Indyk



Sr. Celine Marie Lesinski



Sr. Mary Estelle Printz



Sr. Mary Patricia Pyszynska



Sr. Mary Martinez Rozek



Sr. Thomas Marie Wadowski



Sr. Mary Luiza Wawrzyniak



Sr. Rose Mary Wolak



Sr. Mary Janice Zolkowski

cial way with kids.

"A highlight of her teaching ministry was a project with the second-grade children of St. Damian School, Westland, to act out a commercial written for Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup," her obituary reads. "The commercial took the grand prize in the Camden, N.J., soup maker's 'Bring the Campbell Kids to Life' contest. The script went out over 85 entries from second graders across the country."

After retiring in 1999 because of health complications related to multiple sclerosis, Wadowski served as a library aide at Madonna University. Later in life, she was known by her sisters as someone who would advocate for the needs of others and comfort those nearing the end of their lives.

## A minister: Sister Mary Patricia Pyszynska

After 75 years as part of the Felician Congregation, Pyszynska died April 17 at age 93. In a 60-year education career, she eventually became a religion teacher.

"She served as an elementary and middle school teacher in 13 schools throughout the state of Michigan," her obituary reads. "On a journey that spanned 60 years in the ministry of education, 31 years were in teaching and 29 as director of religious education."

After coming to Livonia in 2007, Pyszynska continued to work in pastoral ministry until her retirement in 2011.

## A lifelong Felician: Sister Mary Clarence Borkoski

Borkoski was taught by the Felician Sisters throughout her elementary school years and pursued a Catholic education in high school. Shortly after graduating, she joined the Felicians. She died April 20 at age 83 after being with the Felicians for 64 years.

Vocationally, she was a teacher for 48 years, from which she retired in 2008. But she kept her love for children and served them for the remainder of her life.

According to her obituary, "In her

semi-retired years, Sister Mary Clarence still sought ministries that would find her working with children, especially those in 'at-risk' areas. She also assisted with the Felician Associate program, and assumed the role of assistant director, which she held until leaving for the care center in Michigan in 2018. There, she assisted with the Montessori Center, listening to the children read and joining in school activities and evening programs."

## A journalist: Sister Rose Mary Wolak

A Detroit native, Wolak died April 21 at age 86. She had been a Felician for 64 years.

After earning a degree studying English, teaching and journalism, Wolak spent much her life being a teacher and supervising yearbook classes. She retired from teaching in 2006.

Wolak also spent time in Rome. According to her obituary, "Sister Rose Mary was assigned to the Felician Generalate in Rome twice, from 1989 to 1993 and 1999 to 2003 for a total of eight years and worked as secretary in the English section of the Vatican Secretariat of State."

## A storyteller: Sister Mary Janice Zolkowski

At age 86, Zolkowski died April 22. She had been a Felician Sister for 68 years. Aside from teaching students to tell stories, she herself was a writer.

"In 1976 Sister was commissioned to write a book: 'Felician Sisters of Livonia, Michigan: First Province in America,'" her obituary reads. "During this time Sister Janice also served as administrative assistant to the president of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake from 1978 to 1982. The lengthy book of 586 pages embraced over four years of intensive research and was completed in 1984."

Throughout her life, Zolkowski was also an archivist and published work in the Livonia Observer, Catholic Educator and a special edition of Wyanie Specjalne, a Polish publication.

## An administrator: Sister Mary Alice Ann Gradowski

Gradowski died April 25 at age 73 after being in the Felician congregation for 55 years. The Bay City native's lengthy career in education included a variety of administrative roles. She was known as a teacher, principal, councilor and minister.

"As principal, Sister was involved in many extracurricular activities: Eucharistic Minister, parish council, teaching in the R.C.I.A. program, conducting Share-the-Word discussion groups and participating in week-end renewals," her obituary reads. "Attendance at basketball and soccer games, school dances and parish raffles were also an important part of her life as principal."

## A nurse: Sister Victoria Marie Indyk

Indyk is the youngest Livonia Felician Sister to die during the coronavirus pandemic. She died April 26 at age 69 after having been in the congregation for 50 years. She hadn't yet retired.

According to her obituary, "Sr. Victoria Marie served as a nurse at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and St. Francis Home for the Aged in Saginaw and as director of nursing at the convent infirmary in Livonia, returning to nursing at St. Mary Hospital, then serve as nursing administrator at St. Joseph Convent/Angela Hall, prior to joining the nursing faculty at Madonna University in 1997. She served as a professor in the nursing department at Madonna University until her death."

In line with nursing, Indyk was an "ardent" supporter of the Felicians' work in Haiti. She led mission trips there with nursing students to serve people.

## A friend to immigrants: Sister Mary Martinez Rozek

On April 28, Rozek died at age 87. At that time, she had been a Felician for 70 years. Though she was born in Chicago, Rozek spent her life serving people in Michigan.

As a foreign language teacher for most of her career, she spent time in retirement teaching English to immigrants from Spanish-speaking countries.

According to her obituary, "In her later years she taught Spanish and English as a Second Language at South Bend, Indiana, and continued with Hispanic ministry in Pontiac and Clinton Township, teaching English skills to Hispanic immigrants after returning to the convent in Livonia in 2007."

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# Commission plans public meeting to discuss Pontiac Trail roundabout

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Construction on a roundabout at Seven Mile and Pontiac Trail in Salem Township is scheduled to begin next month.

The Washtenaw County Road Commission will host a meeting on the project at 10 a.m. May 20 using Zoom.

The single-lane roundabout will stretch up to 500 feet in each direction at the intersection of Seven Mile and Pontiac Trail and is estimated to cost about \$800,000, paid for through federal and state funds.

The commission expects work to continue through the summer. The project also includes street lighting.

The intersection will be closed to

through traffic, but local property owners will have access. Detour routes will be posted.

A roundabout is expected to lessen congestion and improve safety at the intersection, and was chosen as a better option than a traffic signal, officials said.

In addition to safety, the commission cites roundabouts as having better mo-

bility, improved air quality and a smaller footprint.

To attend the virtual meeting, visit <https://bit.ly/wcrprojectmeeting> or call 929-205-6099. The meeting ID is 879 2332 8754.

Upon its conclusion, a recording of the meeting is expected to be available at [wroads.org](http://wroads.org).

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## Emu returns to Milford home after escape

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Darwin the emu is back under quarantine in Milford.

The bird, which escaped owner Susan Churchwell's fenced-in yard May 3 by unlatching a gate, was found the following evening playing in sprinklers not far from her home off Old Plank Road.

Churchwell and her sister, Kim, are grateful the 8-year-old emu, which is 6 feet tall and weighs around 125 pounds, is safely home.

Darwin was spotted by a neighbor about a mile away, and Kim Churchwell and her mother, Lee Kindermann, went to retrieve the straying emu, who isn't leash trained or faying motivated.

"I wouldn't say she was a fully willing participant, but she's happy to be back with her chicken friends," Kim Churchwell said. "Rather than run away, she just lays down, and we have to wait for her to stand up."

"I just want to thank everyone for keeping their eyes and ears out and for the positive feedback. Without that, we'd probably still be out looking for her."

This is not Darwin's first time wandering freely about the neighborhood, but the animal's most recent escape coincides with the coronavirus pandemic, making it a bizarre time for humans who feel the pressures of the pandemic.

"I think if anything crazy is going to happen, it will happen right now," said Susan Churchwell. "People think emus are not very smart, but people don't give them enough credit."

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Susan Churchwell of Milford interacts with her emus, Sydney and Darwin. On May 3, Darwin escaped by unlatching a gate, but was found safe and returned to her fenced-in yard the next day.

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## Man pleads no contest to harassment

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A Milford man pleaded no contest this week to two individual misdemeanor charges of making threatening, harassing phone calls, which allegedly included one to a police cadet.

Jeremy Ray Linn, 40, is scheduled for a May 28 substance abuse assessment for those two cases, along with a domestic violence misdemeanor case that involved his wife.

Linn racked up a total of five misdemeanor cases in two months. Two of them - for alleged harassing calls and



Linn

an open intoxicant incident - were dismissed.

According to police, he was charged because of the phone call with the police cadet and an alleged domestic incident involving his family.

Police say he has used abusive language when addressing his family and police officers. He's also been accused of pushing and threatening to assault his family members.

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## Country Fresh plant in Livonia lays off 44 employees

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A longtime Livonia dairy facility has informed the state it plans to close, laying off dozens of employees.

Country Fresh, which operates facilities at 11940 Merriman and 31770 Enterprise Dr., informed the state's Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity it planned to shutter the facilities and lay off the 44 employees working there. The layoffs are for several positions, including tractor/trailer drivers, order/picker and one yard driver. Layoffs are expected to be permanent.

The layoffs appear to stem from the bankruptcy filing by Country Fresh's parent company, Dean Foods, which also owns TruMoo. The company filed for bankruptcy in November.

"Due to unforeseeable business circumstances and corporate restructuring related to the sale of this property in

bankruptcy, we expect to begin laying off workers on April 30, 2020," the letter sent to the state reads. "We expect the separations to be permanent."

Earlier this year, Dairy Farmers of America announced it had reached a deal to acquire several dozen properties owned by Dean Foods for \$425 million. While that plan includes Michigan facilities owned by Dean Foods in Grand Rapids and Marquette, it does not include the Livonia sites.

Those local properties appear to be going to Illinois-based Prairie Farms, which acquired 11 facilities across the U.S. for \$75 million, according to a Dean Foods restructuring website.

"Following the competitive court-supervised auction process, and with the Court's approval, we have determined a combination of bids that represent the best path forward for our stakeholders," said Eric Beringause, president and CEO of Dean Foods, in a statement. "We are

confident that, under these new owners, our customers can expect the same commitment to quality and service that Dean Foods has lived up to over the years. We will continue to provide an uninterrupted supply of high-quality dairy products as we work toward completing these transactions. We appreciate the continued hard work and commitment of our Dean Foods employees throughout this process.

A message to a Prairie Farms spokesperson was not returned.

This is not the first notice Country Fresh has sent the state about closing the facility. It sent a notice in 2018 that indicated the facility on Enterprise Drive would close. That letter indicated more than 100 people would lose their jobs.

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The Country Fresh plant in Livonia expected to begin laying off workers April 30. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

## Northville unveils limited schools-of-choice program

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Northville Public Schools is accepting Schools of Choice applications under Section 105 and 105c of the Michigan School Aid Act for the 2020-21 school year, the district revealed earlier this month.

Availability is limited to five openings in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Northville High School.

The application process is limited to incoming juniors who are applying for the full IBD program. Applications will be accepted through 4 p.m. June 5.

In accordance with the legislated requirements, and in order to support the district's goal of excellence and equity for all students, a review of each applicant's eligibility for the program is required using the same criteria applied to prospective resident IBD program students.

The Northville Public Schools Section 105 and 105c (Non-Resident) Schools of Choice application is avail-



Northville Public Schools is ready to offer a limited schools-of-choice program. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

able through the office of human resources.

Completed applications, including all forms and recommendations, must

be mailed or hand-delivered to the Northville Public Schools Human Resources Department 405 West Main St., Northville, MI 48167. The district is un-

able to accept electronic applications.

Applicants found to be ineligible for the program will be notified on or before June 19. Should the number of applications approved by the review team exceed the five openings specified for Section 105 and 105c Schools of Choice students, the school district will use a lottery to select the applicants who will be offered enrollment.

If necessary, the lottery will take place at 8:30 a.m. June 17 at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education offices. Families applying for limited Schools of Choice are welcome to attend the lottery.

Details regarding the lottery procedures, the Schools of Choice application, and answers to frequently asked questions about the Section 105 and 105c Schools of Choice option are available on the district website.

Once a student is accepted to open enroll under Section 105 or 105c, he or she may continue to be enrolled in Northville Public Schools until graduation or until he or she withdraws from the program.



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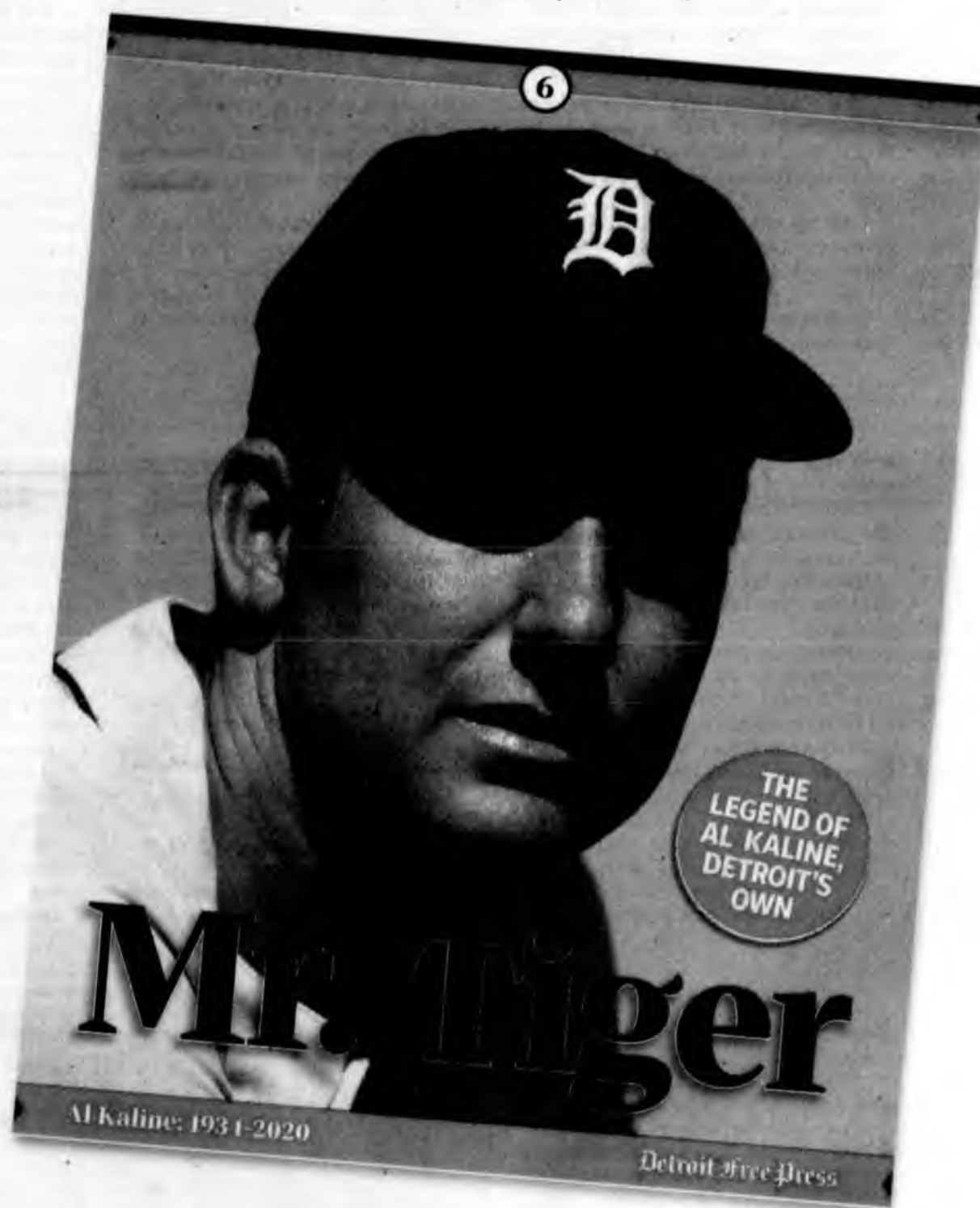
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South Lyon's Biggby Coffee is open for drive-through service under new ownership. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Biggby

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inside. Canfield and her husband, Elijah, replaced the ceiling tiles and plan to add new light fixtures and a coat of paint to freshen things up.

"Everything's getting painted, a lot of drywall work," Elijah Canfield said. "As long as everything comes in, it's my job to have it ready."

The owners hope to have lobby renovations complete by the end of the month in time for reopening if the stay-at-home order is lifted May 28.

Owning both stores in the area, Karissa Canfield said, makes it easier to coordinate special events.

"I do a lot of activities and fundraising and events with the schools," she

said. "It always kind of seemed like it was kind of butting heads because we weren't able to organize both stores and staff on events together. It just seemed it would be easier to work it as one unit."

The shop carries all the same flavors and offerings it did before it closed, from coffee and tea to smoothies and snacks. Seasonal offerings currently include a tiramisu latte and a blackberry sage latte.

The Canfields also acquired the TCBY/Mrs. Fields shop connected to the South Lyon coffee shop. They hope to reopen that area as soon as the state allows.

One big change to that business is planned: Karissa Canfield said she plans to keep that space open year-round.

"I think cookies will be more popular than the frozen yogurt in the winter, but

I don't think there's a reason to close it as long as you let people know it's still open," she said. "Is anybody going to say no to sweets? I don't think so."

The South Lyon Biggby drive-through is open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Canfield said the shop has stayed pretty busy considering there's less activity happening in town. It's not as busy as when school is in session, but she said there are plenty of people buying drinks and gift cards to use later when business can return to normal.

"The customers have been so happy we're reopened," she said. "They come through and compliments galore."

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## Courts

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Zoom, starting May 4, 2020, and until further notice. Please contact the court if you have received a notice to appear in person, to determine if your matter will be handled via remote technology."

Judge Joseph Fabrizio, chief judge for the 52nd District courts, said court employees made a concerted effort to get cases flowing again.

Adapting to their new normal, judges throughout metro Detroit have conducted court proceedings with Zoom. Others, Fabrizio included, live-stream proceedings via YouTube.

"We're kind of rolling it out slowly," Fabrizio said. "There's a lot of work that goes into it, at least initially."

The Michigan Supreme Court's "Process for Triaging Case Actions During the COVID-19 Crisis" suggested that courts keep moving "essential" matters during the pandemic: cases with immediate safety concerns, criminal search and arrest warrants, neglect and abuse matters, and mental health commitment hearings.

"Every day it seemed like we had a good game plan," Fabrizio said. "Then the circumstances would change."

Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper likened her job during the pandemic to that of a firefighter, constantly putting out fires and dousing hot-spots.

Her nearly 100 attorneys and 200 overall employees play a role in court locations throughout the county, involving judges who aren't always able to make the most of technology.

But she's working with a skeleton crew at the Pontiac campus and doing what she can to remotely place and manage her employees.

"We're going to do what we have to do because that's what we're here for," Cooper said.

She said she can recall heavier dockets in the '90s and has faith that cases will be reviewed to make sure nothing has been missed. She also predicts trials will proceed one after another once the courts return to a more normal speed. Until then, trials aren't expected to resume until summer, at the earliest.

"We don't know what the future holds," said Jelani Jefferson Exum, a University of Detroit Mercy law professor who mentioned the possibility of new rules regarding wearing masks in courtrooms. "We know it will be difficult to say, 'Courts are open and everybody proceed as normal.'"

In Westland, 18th District judges gained experience conducting remote hearings before the pandemic.

Judge Mark McConnell initially had some concerns about credibility because, for testimony, he might not perceive attorneys and defendants as he could in person.

Judge Sandra Cicirelli said she recently held an exam with videoconferencing and had no such concern.

"It has been working wonderfully," she said of technology in the courtroom.

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## Company

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location for many years," he said. "They asked us to leave the ATM; we did it."

The planning commission reviewed the preliminary site plan and stormwater management plan during its meeting May 6, which was held online due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Several commissioners were confused by the arrangement with the ATM, with some proposing having it removed when the agreement between Behavioral Care Solutions and PNC Bank expires.

"I would agree to have it probably terminated at the end of their agreement

with PNC," Commissioner Brent Ferrell said.

Clemente resisted that idea, saying the planned expansion was designed with keeping the ATM in place. To remove it in a few years, he said, would then cost more than what was originally planned.

"Everything is being set up to meet all the criteria to be able to leave that there," he said. "What I'm setting myself up for is doing construction again."

That aspect was removed and the plans as presented were unanimously approved by the planning commission.

The expansion, Clemente said, would house another area company Behavioral Care Solutions plans to acquire. He did not say what company it was, but said the new business would

move to the site near the intersection where Novi, Commerce Township, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills meet.

The company, Clemente said, provides mental health services to long-term care facilities across the region. Several hundred people work for the company — many out of their homes — and provide services to the centers.

Commissioner John Avdoulos said having such an organization in the city, especially at this moment in history, was a benefit.

"Behavioral health is an important service to any community, especially now," he said. "It's a great thing for our community."

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## Pools

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you had said we would be facing the cuts we are, I would not have believed you. That is how much the pendulum has swung. We couldn't wait for a face-to-face meeting, we need to address this issue that is outstanding."

The district has been grappling with what to do about the leisure pools since they were closed in mid-January due to safety concerns over humidity impacts on ceiling support systems.

Consultant Jeff Rahmberg conducted an analysis of the leisure pools at Lakeland and Milford high schools and concluded that repairs would cost several million dollars. Additionally, operational costs of the pools, built 16 years ago with funds from a 2001 voter-approved bond, are \$750,000 annually, with expenses far exceeding revenue. The total deficit to the district in the past few years as a result of the pools is roughly \$1.6 million.

Salah noted he has been questioned often in the past few months about why dollars from the \$182 million bond approved by voters are not used for the leisure pools. He said the money for that bond was allocated based upon committee recommendations, which included competitive pools and fitness equipment used by students, but not leisure pools.

He added that pre-bond analysis identified \$400 million in needs in the

district, but only half of that was requested in order to avoid a tax increase, which voters had previously made clear they would not support.

Closing of the leisure pools is estimated to result in an annual savings of \$800,000. Total district expenditures on the leisure pools in 2018-19 totaled \$1,538,272.

The board agreed with the recommendation and will decide on whether or how to repurpose the areas at a later date.

"I have serious concerns that we don't have the general fund dollars to fix issues here," Board Treasurer Sean Carlson said. "All 500 districts across Michigan are destabilized because of constitutional funding from sales tax which has been obliterated over the last 60 days. There are certainly no general fund dollars to be utilized. The superintendent did a great job explaining there is no appetite to raise the millage."

Board Trustee Jim Pearson said learning to swim is crucial, particularly in an area with so many lakes, but to keep the leisure pools functioning for 16 years, the district has had to dip into general funds intended for student instruction, which is unsustainable.

When the district decided to put in leisure pools in the early 2000s, he noted per pupil funding was increasing by about \$200 every year, a trend expected to continue at the time.

"Now the increases have not met inflation to the tune of \$1,000," he said. "If the legislature had kept us up, we would have flexibility here ... but we have been



Huron Valley Recreation & Community Education operates two pool and fitness centers: one at Milford High School and the other at Lakeland High School.

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starved (of) funding from the state for 20 years now and with funding chaos in Michigan as a result of the virus, I don't see a choice and I support the decision to close the pools."

Board Secretary Denise Forrest said she had enjoyed using the leisure pools and understands it is a big loss for the community, but for at least the past decade, money has been taken from the general fund to finance the pools. She said while a recreation millage may have been a way to sustain the pools, municipalities are struggling, and she under-

stands the need to close both leisure pools.

"I'm hoping we can salvage some deep-water aerobics and opportunities for toddlers to take swim lessons," she said. "I am hoping we have opportunities to flesh it out and discuss that. As much as it pains (me), we have come to the end of the road with keeping these pools afloat."

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Northville's Ryan Roberts, right, battles Novi's Joey Haddad during the teams' annual big rivalry game in 2014.  
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## Northville grad signs with NFL's LA Chargers

**Andrew Valliencourt**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A 2015 Northville High School graduate has reached the biggest stage in sports.

Ryan Roberts, who played three years of varsity football at Northville, signed a three-year, \$2.285 million contract with the Los Angeles Chargers as an undrafted free agent following last month's NFL Draft. The contract pays \$761,667 per year if he makes the team.

The offensive lineman started his college career at Northern Illinois, following in the footsteps of his father Raymond, who played his college career at NIU before reaching the NFL. Roberts then transferred to Florida State after earning his undergraduate degree in industrial and systems engineering.

As a grad transfer, he was eligible

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Roberts, left, practices drills with his fellow offensive linemen at FSU in 2019.  
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## MHSAA makes changes at spring meeting

Adjusts ice hockey, basketball, soccer

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

In its annual spring meeting the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced it would integrate seeding in regional play for ice hockey and provide byes for top-seeded teams in soccer and basketball for the playoffs.

Starting in the 2020-21 season, the MHSAA said ice hockey will implement a seeding process, placing the top two teams on opposite sides of the bracket to guarantee no meeting before the regional championship game.

The seeding will be awarded backed on the Michigan Power Rating formula, which is based on regular-season results against MHSAA tournament-eligible teams and strength of schedule.

For hockey, basketball and soccer, any existing byes in the playoff bracket will now be awarded to the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds.

Here is a look at other some other changes made during the MHSAA spring meeting:

### More opportunities to play

The MHSAA announced that it would be extending its opportunity for athletes on both the football field and the basketball court to get more playing time, affecting programs struggling to field teams at multiple levels.

In football, an athlete may play up to five quarters in a week, but is still limited to four quarters in one day.

In basketball, an athlete is allowed five quarters per day for no more than three dates per week and 20 dates per team and individual.

Also, MHSAA member teams may be allowed to play against all opponents present at out-of-state summer events.

Teams must continue to abide by the travel limit — traveling to events hosted by bordering states or provinces, or within 300 miles — but may play against out-of-state teams that exceed the travel limit.

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## Former CC LB pursues dream in transfer to Illinois

**Bill Khan** Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Isaac Darkangelo could have stayed at Northern Michigan University and been a star at the NCAA Division II football level.

Then maybe the former star from Brighton could have been one of the select few players who rise from those

ranks to make it to the National Football League.

Or, he could gamble on himself, prove himself all over again at a higher level, and perhaps increase his chances of reaching his ultimate dream.

Darkangelo has taken the risk, trans-



Darkangelo

ferring from Northern Michigan to the University of Illinois after leading the Wildcats in tackles as a sophomore linebacker last fall.

He will have two seasons of eligibility remaining after sitting out the upcoming season.

"I really believed I could play at the biggest level," said Darkangelo, a 2018 Detroit Catholic Central graduate. "At

Northern, I felt like I wasn't being pushed enough as a player. I felt like I needed to take that next step and accomplish my dreams. I've always believed growing up in a family of six to have no regrets in life. I felt like down the road when I was 50 or 60, I would regret not chasing my dreams."

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## Grad

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immediately and started all 13 games last season for the Seminoles, 12 at right tackle and one at left tackle (the team's bowl game).

His performance was enough to catch the eye of a number of NFL teams. About 30 minutes after the draft ended, Roberts and his agent received the call from Los Angeles with an offer.

"It definitely was God's plan to put me on the Chargers," Roberts said. "They have an amazing organization, it seemed like the right fit."

"It's a tremendous, massive blessing. God's been so good to me. I'm so grateful for it. It's an opportunity, it doesn't mean anything until I get in the building and give my best effort and prove myself day in and day out."

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic certainly made the pre-draft process more difficult for Roberts, who could have used the extra time in front of scouts and benefited from face-to-face meetings with coaches and team officials. However, the change in circumstances wasn't going to stop Roberts from being as prepared as he could.

"This is not a job you can take for granted," Roberts said. "This is something I've been dreaming about since I was a kid and found out my dad played in the league. ... Celebration time is over, it's time to get back to work and make the most of it."

His dad had brief stints with both the Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears and has been one of Roberts' biggest influences throughout his football career.

"My dad has been nothing short of amazing," Roberts said. "From his whole journey of going from a walk-on to having the chance to playing in the NFL to also being successful in business and being the role model he's been for me is unfathomable. He's incredible. I can't say enough good things about my father, he's the best."

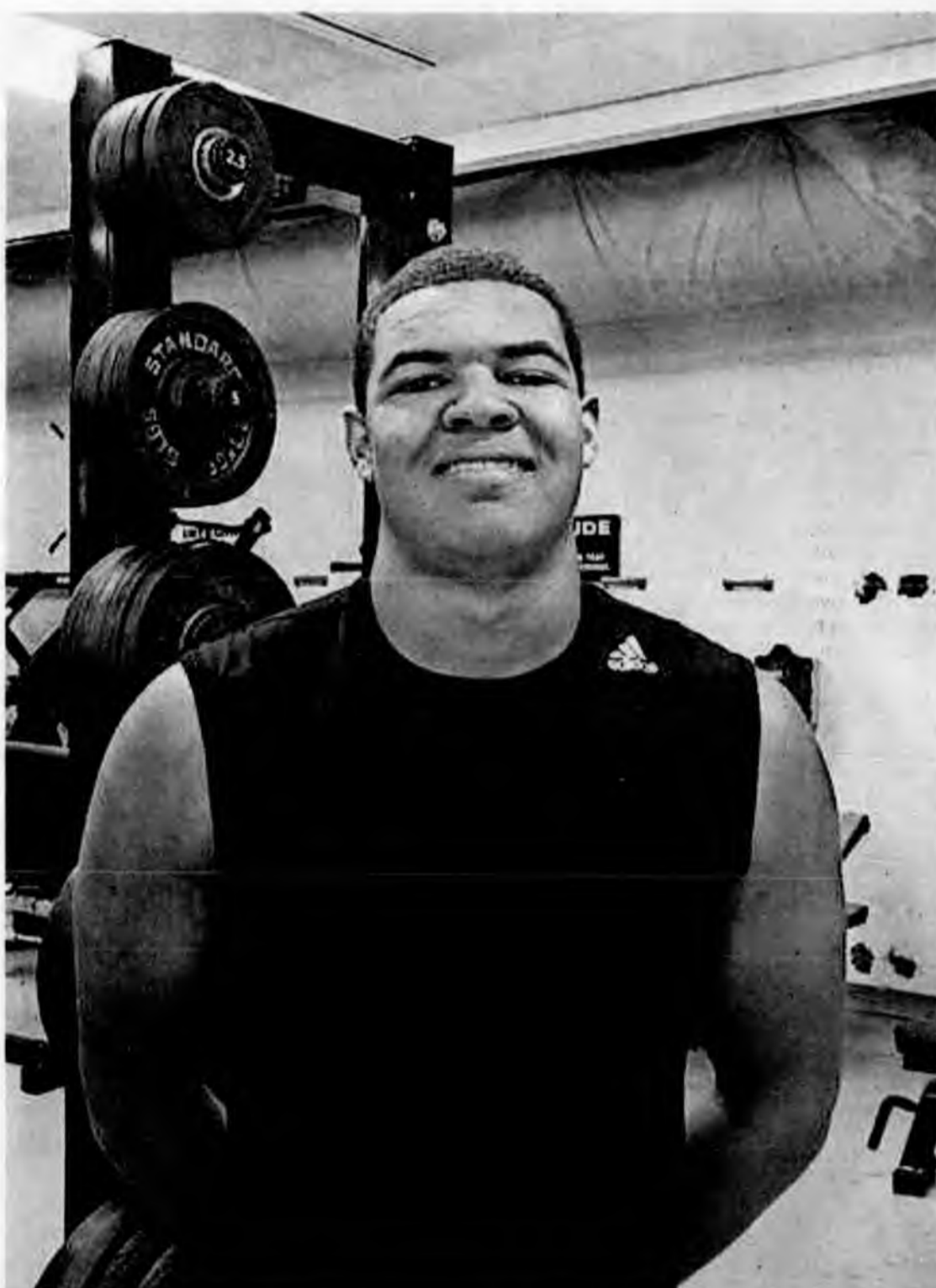
Roberts watched the draft at home in Arizona with his family. His parents moved there after he and his brother graduated from Northville. After moving around a lot as kids, his parents promised they would stay one place during his high school years. He spent seventh through 12th grade in Northville.

He played tight end for the Mustangs and helped lead the team to a pair of playoff appearances.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of Ryan," Northville football coach Matt Ladach said. "I don't know anybody who can disagree with how hard he's worked and how much time and effort he's put in to No. 1 being a great person, but No. 2 being the best football player that he can be."

Northville finished 8-2 in Roberts' junior year and 6-4 in his senior year.

"While he was with us, we had a great deal of success," Ladach said. "He was a huge contributor for us in a number of aspects. He's always been a guy that I viewed as a tremendous leader. He's al-



Northville graduate Ryan Roberts, who went on to play football at Northern Illinois and Florida State, is now an LA Charger. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

**"This is a time where it allows you to realign, there are things that are bigger than your job, bigger than anything. Other people's lives are at stake so if we have to take a little time off of football, take a little time off from work for the good of society then that's what we have to do. ... This is a tough time for a lot of people, all we can do is make the most of it."**

**Ryan Roberts** Northville High School graduate, on the coronavirus pandemic

ways doing the right things, a hard worker, led by example. The way he's carried himself in regards to his character has been outstanding."

Roberts is the first player Ladach coached who's made it to the NFL.

While at Northville, Roberts said the team had shirts that said "do the right thing" on the back. He remembers Ladach telling the team to always help clean places like the lunch room. To this day, Roberts still picks up trash everywhere he goes.

"You're not bigger than anybody, your job doesn't define you, your role doesn't define you," Roberts said. "If you're too big to pick up a piece of paper on the ground, you don't deserve the role you're in and need to be humbled."

Ladach was one of the people Roberts called after signing with the Chargers. He said it was a really special moment for him as coach.

"I knew it was going to happen," La-

dach said. "I say that because of his determination. I was not at all surprised to see him land with an NFL team. To get that phone call was really, really special. I'm still excited and happy for him. It was pretty cool to get that phone call from him and hear him say he's with the Los Angeles Chargers."

Given the current situation, Roberts isn't sure how summer will look. Facilities are closed, rookie minicamp and other offseason events are subject to change at any time. One comfort Roberts will have is that a Florida State teammate will be joining him, as tight end/fullback Gabe Nabers signed with the Chargers as an undrafted free agent as well. They join a contingent of FSU players already on LA's roster.

"He's a great dude, I have a lot of respect for him," Roberts said. "He works his tail off every day. He's a great teammate, the type of teammate that everyone dreams about. A dude who goes to

work, puts his head down, when the time calls for it he speaks up. There's not a bad thing to say about him."

Until football activities resume, Roberts is taking this time to enjoy being around family and getting his mind and body ready for the opportunity that awaits.

"This is a time where it allows you to realign, there are things that are bigger than your job, bigger than anything," Roberts said. "Other people's lives are at stake so if we have to take a little time off of football, take a little time off from work for the good of society then that's what we have to do. ... This is a tough time for a lot of people, all we can do is make the most of it."

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## Changes

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### On the field

In football, the MHSAA approved that is would extend the running clock when a team leads by 50 points in both the first and second halves of the game. The 35-point running clock will continue to be employed in the second half of games.

Also, football players have allowed schools 15 summer dates of non-mandatory contact with an unlimited number of players — wearing helmets only. Only seven may be used for 7-on-7 competition.

In hockey, all members of the coaching staff will be forced to wear HECC-certified helmets while on the ice for practice or for games.

In baseball, the MHSAA will adopt a suspended-game policy that states that any game called before it reaches regulation, or when tied, is suspended with play to pick up at a later date from that point. If both schools agree, a game called prior to regulation may be replayed in its entirety.

Also, coaches and athletes ejected from competition by an official are now required to complete an online sportsmanship course from the National Federation of State High School Associations before returning to competition.

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North Farmington Raider Jon Brunette meets a lot of U of D Jesuit players during a past season's run. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

# Brother Rice challenges CC to play 'horse'

Andrew Vaillencourt Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central basketball teams have found a way to keep busy during the coronavirus shut down.

Warriors coach Rick Palmer challenged CC coach Brandon Sinawi and his squad to a virtual game of horse and the first competition kicked off May 1.

Palmer said he got the idea online and immediately knew that CC was the school he needed to reach out to, given the two school's deep rivalry.

"For me, I thought about who to call and it was a no brainer," Palmer said. "At Brother Rice it's going to be CC and I think it'll be a lot of fun."

Sinawi happily accepted the challenge and the two coaches began posting short videos on social media announcing the challenge. Each team's eight returning players for the 2020-21 season matched up against one player from the opposing team. The two coaches would then schedule a time for the players to compete through a recorded zoom call, with each student-athlete playing in their own driveway.

The coaches watch and moderate the games and then send the results to a CC's Brady Butcher, who also is a talented video editor. He then turns the full game into a shorter highlight clip, which the coaches have been posting on Twitter gradually.

Entering May 7, the two teams were tied at two wins.

"We wanted to give our guys something to look forward to," Palmer said. "If it made a couple of our guys shoot a couple hundred more jump shots to get ready then that works out for both team's long term. We wanted to keep some semblance of team unity and team togetherness."

If the teams play to a 4-4 tie, the coaches will play horse against each other to determine the overall winner. Needless to say, both coaches are confident should it come down to that.

"Oh, we're winning," Palmer said. "In my biggest Rasheed Wallace voice, we're winning game nine."

Sinawi said he hopes his team can earn the victory before a ninth match, but is ready should that arise.

"We plan on winning," Sinawi said. "We're not planning on losing that's for sure."

The teams released a graphic with the eight matchups and have posted it on social media as well.

"I think it brings us closer as a school and as a team, it provides them with something different to do," Sinawi said. "Like most high schoolers, this isn't the ideal way that you want to enjoy the end of the school year. It's definitely bringing our kids and community closer. It's a fun thing that may even be a distraction for those with their own things going on at home. As a coach you always look for ways to provide unique opportunities for your kids to experience things and this is one of those times where we're able to do that."



The bench and coach Rick Palmer cheer a good defensive stop by Brother Rice during a previous season.  
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The winning school will receive bragging rights, something which carries plenty of weight.

"You really don't need any type of wager, it's Brother Rice vs. CC," Sinawi said. "That in itself is worth the price of admission."

## Brother Rice coach beats coronavirus

The COVID-19 outbreak hit close to home for Palmer, who tested positive for the virus back in March after coming into contact with someone who had the virus.

It took him 10 days to receive his test results back.

He is fully healthy now after self-isolating at home. He said he only had mild symptoms and is lucky that his wife and kids have stayed healthy.

"I was very, very, very fortunate to have it mild and hopefully now have some antibodies," Palmer said.

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Catholic Central head coach Brandon Sinawi yells some instructions to his varsity team.

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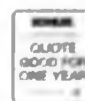


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Jack Wurzer of Pinckney set the Adrian College single-game passing record on Oct. 19, 2019 with 403 yards in a 34-31 victory over Alma College. ADRIAN ATHLETICS

## Michigan Division III sports expected to return in fall

**Evan Petzold** Special to Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Division III college athletics in Michigan are expected to return in the fall, but in what format and method are unknown.

At least that's the shared belief of Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association institutions, which includes seven colleges in Michigan and two in Indiana.

College sports at all levels were shut down in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Focusing on providing a safe environment to come back to, MIAA presidents announced Friday that they intend to return sports to campuses beginning in the fall and throughout the entire school year.

"It is with great optimism that we are looking forward to the next academic year," MIAA commissioner Penny Allen-Cook said in a statement. "This has been a very challenging time for winter and spring student-athletes as they saw their seasons cut short. And our fall sports student-athletes have had to deal

with the anxiety of not knowing their status for the coming year.

"In making this announcement today, we hope to provide some reassurance to MIAA student-athletes and their families."

The MIAA football season is scheduled to begin in early September. One option is to have a normal return without any changes; another is to delay the start of practices and competitions, thus shortening the seasons.

"The MIAA will continue to develop and perfect plans as the response to the

pandemic evolves, and that everyone associated with the conference is excited about the prospect of providing a safe and practical competitive environment for student-athletes this fall," Allen-Cook said.

The nine full members of the league are Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo, Olivet, Saint Mary's and Trine. Finlandia University is an affiliate member that competes in the MIAA for football.

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Grocery delivery and curbside pickup services have become immensely popular as more people stay home and look for ways to avoid supermarkets. ARTURO TORRES

## 5 tips to make grocery orders come out right

**Susan Selasky** Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

When Chris Pagnucco received her most recent grocery delivery order, it was missing the three cans of on-sale Kroger cinnamon rolls with frosting. Instead, she got three cans of Pillsbury pastry sheets.

On her original order, Pagnucco had said she was willing to accept any frosting flavor as a substitute.

"It's an innocent, honest mistake," said Pagnucco, 71, of Rochester. "It's a product that I have used and will use, but the rolls was something I was hoping for."

Pagnucco said she is generally successful with her online grocery orders and appreciates the service.

With the pastry sheets, Pagnucco said, she will turn

them into a some sort of baking project.

"Because the pastry sheets are in a can, they'll last a while," Pagnucco said. "I plan on using them to make sweet or savory dish."

When the coronavirus pandemic hit, grocery delivery and curbside pickup services became immensely popular as more and more people stayed home and looked for ways to avoid supermarkets.

As shopping services became busier than ever, customers faced longer wait times, orders abruptly canceled, missing items from their orders and odd substitutions.

Still, most people appear to be thankful for the service.

Jolyn Felten who lives in Warren and is a bargain-

stobounty.com blogger, has had some glitches with products when ordering groceries online.

Once she received radishes instead of a greenhouse cucumber. And she had a pricing issue with bananas. When she began ordering the bananas, they were listed at 25 cents each. But at checkout she was charged 50 cents each and she had ordered 28 bananas because she was shopping for a group.

Eventually, she was credited.

But Felten is thankful for the professional shoppers from services such as Shipt and Instacart because they work really hard at getting you what you want.

"The more notes you give your shopper, the faster and more efficiently they can shop and it makes it easier for them," Felten said.

Before Monica Laux, a Shipt shopper in Macomb County, starts each order, she sends a text message to the customer asking if she can substitute items within reason.

"I will always ask them when in doubt," Laux said. "When they choose allow for substitutes you can send a text and say what's available."

But Laux is grateful for those who give ample information on substituting.

"They are so helpful," Laux said. "Some just tell me to use my best judgment."

With Kroger PickUp, if you do not select a substitution and the item is not available, you will get a substitute if available.

If an item is substituted with a one that is higher priced, according to Kroger, the customer will be charged the lower price. For example, if you order a 5-pound bag of Kroger brand flour for \$1.99 and they sub out Gold Medal Flour that costs \$2.49, they will charge you \$1.99.

### What to know when ordering groceries for pickup or delivery

1 When ordering, be as specific as you can about the products you want and what you will take as a substitute. If you don't want substitutions make sure you indicate that. Be specific about brands, sizes and preferences. For example, you can say you want only ripe bananas with no green tinge to them. List what you will take as a substitute.

2 Be patient. Delivery and pickup still has some wait times. Once you place your order and secure a date and time make sure to be available during that time to answer any questions from your shopper.

3 Double check that your address and phone number is correct so your shopper can communicate with you. Shoppers don't see your actual phone number. An encrypted number system is used by both the customers and shopper.

4 If you get a wrong product and want a refund and went directly through Instacart or Shipt, you will need to contact them to request a refund. It's best to do so as soon as possible. Instacart will not provide refunds on orders after one week. If you place your order through the store's website, you will need to contact the store's customer service department.

5 Do tip on your order and don't "tip bait." Tip baiting is when customers add a large tip to attract a shopper to pick up the order. After the order is delivered, the customer reduces or removes the tip entirely. Still, Instacart said that tip baiting is a rare occurrence. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, Instacart said, customers either adjust their tip upward or not at all after delivery on 99.5% of orders.

## Obituaries

### Keith Grant Jayne

**TAWAS CITY** - Keith Grant Jayne of Tawas City, formerly of Caro, age 83, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020 at Vassar Fields Assisted Living. Keith was born July 7, 1936 in Caro and was a 1954 graduate of Caro High School.

Shortly after graduation, Keith enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving on the submarine USS Catfish. Following his honorable discharge in 1957, he went to work for American Airlines in Detroit as a baggage supervisor and later a ticket counter manager, retiring in 1978 due to health concerns. He was united in marriage with the former Agnes Sue Brown on February 28, 1959 and she preceded him in death on July 29, 2014. Keith was also instrumental in putting in the stonework at the South Lyon United Methodist Church. Keith was a very social person who was quick with a joke and a laugh. He was a golf and hunting enthusiast, appreciated taxidermy, always rooted for the Detroit Tigers, and enjoyed being around people.

He is survived by one daughter, Laurie Jayne of Florida; two grandchildren, Hannah J. Alvarez and Cameron S. Read; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Joan Tomlinson of Caro; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Scott Jayne.

In keeping with Keith's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at [www.RansfordCollon.com](http://www.RansfordCollon.com).



### Martha Jo (Lutchka) Miller

**GAS CITY** - Martha Jo (Lutchka) Miller, 74, of Gas City, Indiana died May 4, 2020 in Marion, IN. She was born January 8, 1946 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Joseph and Josephine Barbara Lutchka. Martha graduated from South Lyon High School in 1964. She attended Eastern Michigan University where she received her BS in 1968 and MS in 1969. She received her teaching license in 1971 as a speech therapist and taught at the South Lyon elementary school. She taught there until she married Lewis Miller in 1974. She moved with her husband for the next 30 years. They retired to Gas City, IN in 2003, where she resided until her death. Martha is survived by her husband, Lewis Miller and her two sons, Seth in KY, and Peter in IN; a daughter, Audra married to James Monson, residing in WI; and a brother, David Lutchka and his wife, Joan, their children and numerous grandchildren in MI. Martha has no grandchildren. A memorial service is tentatively planned for Sunday, June 28, 1:00 pm at Eastgate Community Church in Marion, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to Eastgate Community Church for the Wednesday night children classes. Arrangements are by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, MI. Half her ashes will be interred at Grass Lake Cemetery and half at Las Animas Cemetery in CO, along with half and half of her husband's ashes when he dies and is cremated. So she may be in both family plots.



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# Uncertainty hitting a fever pitch in MAC

**Evan Petzold** Special to Detroit Free Press  
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Scott Wetherbee has been down this road before.

The scars haunt him.

Eastern Michigan's athletic director walked into a hornet's nest in 2018 when he cut three sports — men's swimming and diving, softball and wrestling — in an attempt to cram a support beam into the school's cash-strapped athletic budget. The moves saved the university an estimated \$2 million, and the planned axing of women's tennis would have saved even more, had a Title IX lawsuit not forced EMU to reverse course.

"Cutting sports has dug a lot deeper than I thought it would," Wetherbee told the Free Press. "That's the last thing you want to do."

"So, we have to be creative."

Wetherbee joins a growing list of athletic administrators bracing for impact two months into the coronavirus crisis, which has shut down collegiate sports entirely and has college athletes and officials on edge for what's next.

At issue is whether schools in the Group of Five can balance their desire to save their most vulnerable athletic programs while also honoring the NCAA's recent decision to extend the eligibility of any spring athlete whose final year of competition was lost to the virus.

Already, the pandemic has prompted Cincinnati to accelerate the removal of its men's soccer program. Old Dominion cut its respectable wrestling program. And for the athletic departments at Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan and Central Michigan — which rely on state- and tuition-funded institutional support to stay afloat — the uncertainty has hit a fever pitch.

At CMU, \$25.2 million of its \$33.6 million athletics budget — a whopping 75% — comes from university support, according to financial reports from the 2018-19 fiscal year obtained by USA TODAY Sports, in partnership with Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

At EMU, \$18 million of \$30.9 million (58%) comes from the university. At WMU, it's \$19 million of \$38.9 million (49%).

The three schools also have experienced significant enrollment declines, including a 10.5% loss at Central Michigan from 2018 to 2019. The drop was less steep at Western Michigan (4.8%) and Eastern Michigan (5.4%) during that period, but the strain is still severe.

"It's my projection that you're most likely going to see some schools around the country that aren't going to make it through this," WMU athletic director Kathy Beauregard said. "Right now,



Eastern Michigan University AD Scott Wetherbee says, "Cutting sports has dug a lot deeper than I thought it would."

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you're looking at institutions that have high payrolls, and that's really where the money is."

## Estimating the fallout

Spring sports seasons across the country were canceled in mid-March, shortly after the virus outbreak forced the NCAA to nix its winter championships. This includes its biggest money-maker on the calendar: the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The impact of that cancellation could be severe. In the 2018-19 reporting year, Michigan's Mid-American Conference schools each received payouts ranging from \$965,000 to \$3 million from the NCAA and \$1.4 million to \$2.1 million from the conference.

Without the revenue from the NCAA tournament — and the rest of the winter and spring championship calendar — the payouts are expected to be much less.

"Our intercollegiate athletic world is going to change significantly moving forward," said Beauregard, WMU's athletic director for 22 years.

In addition, a USA TODAY analysis, examining the impact of the NCAA's decision to allow a bonus year of eligibility, projects Eastern Michigan could spend up to \$250,000 in additional scholarships over the next year if it allows all of its 32 eligible seniors to return. The projection was reached by multiplying a five-year average of total spring scholarships by the cost of attendance.

Only 20 athletes have expressed interest in returning to EMU, Wetherbee

said.

At Central Michigan, 28 athletes are eligible to return, for a maximum cost of \$175,000. At Western Michigan, 23 are eligible for a maximum cost of \$238,000. It's unclear how many have expressed interest in returning at WMU and CMU.

"We're going to feel the effects of this for the upcoming years," CMU athletic director Michael Alford said. "Kids across the country are going to make decisions."

The schools could decide to not allow seniors to return next season — and therefore avoid the additional costs. While the athletic directors have not claimed that as an option, they are certain they won't be able to give every player the same scholarship allotment as the previous year.

Some might get nothing.

"A lot of them are not sure," Wetherbee said, "and we're not sure what we can even provide. I'd like to have that done before the end of the semester, so they know what's happening."

## Options to stay afloat

Wetherbee is considering all options to ease the financial fallout, including asking donors to fund any additional scholarships. He also has considered eliminating plane travel by only taking bus trips and cutting back on recruiting. Each of the three schools spent more than \$2 million on travel and \$550,000 on recruiting in the 2018-19 academic year.

In a worst-case scenario, Wetherbee

would consider dissolving all scholarships for a given team if it meant saving the program. EMU currently has 18 sports programs, just two above the 16-team threshold to remain in Division I. The school plans to add women's lacrosse for the 2021-22 season. CMU has 18 sports; WMU has 16 sports.

"If you have a program and don't want to cut it, you could offer half of the scholarships or don't offer them at all," Wetherbee said. "At least you save the scholarship dollars. Those individuals that play on that team would be paying to go to school, which helps the university."

Wetherbee, Beauregard and Alford are waiting to see how much money their schools will receive from the NCAA and how much institutional support their universities will provide before finalizing their plans of action.

"Revenue is always a worry," said Alford, CMU's athletic director since May 2017, "but cutting sports has never come up in any discussions."

There's hope that it stays that way.

Through the financial uncertainties of the coronavirus, Wetherbee often recalls the way he felt two years ago after cutting teams from his department. He is determined to handle the incoming financial downfall by making strategic decisions that keep his athletic department buoyant.

"Personally, I can't do anything worse," Wetherbee said. "It was such a tough thing to go through, so let's be as creative as possible and try to find other areas to cut back rather than cutting sports. Look at all the options."

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### 4 reasons why younger mentors can help you succeed

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Those of us who have been in the work world for a while know how powerful and influential a mentor can be. Simply put, a good mentor is worth their weight in gold, and can help mold, shape, and guide you toward a successful and fulfilling career journey, as well as help you build your skills, develop the right network, and set you on a path to achieving your professional goals. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to connect with a helpful mentor during the formative stages of our professional development can attest to this fact.

Traditionally, mentors are viewed as older individuals, folks who have spent a significant amount of time in their field and have gained the requisite wisdom, experience, and seasoning to effectively "pay it forward" to the next generation of workers. It's also a well-worn facet of human psychology that we instinctively trust and look toward older people for advice and guidance, so seeking out an older person to guide us tends to fit our prepackaged mental schemas about what a mentor should be.

But does it have to be this way? It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that, regardless of industry, the ways of doing things in the work world are rapidly changing. Everything from a rapid influx of technological innovation and fresh new ways of creative thinking, to a volatile yet increasingly interconnected global economy and shifting social and cultural norms and expectations, are disrupting convention and leading to new ways of operating.

That said, since everything else in the work world is being rethought, and so many traditional standards and prac-



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tices are being tossed into the dustbin of history to make way for a new modern sensibility, then maybe it's time for old ideas about mentorship to follow suit. Perhaps it's time to think about embracing the concept of having a younger mentor to help you succeed? There are some very good reasons for considering a younger mentor to help guide you through today's complex and rapidly shifting work world. Let's take a closer look at a few of these.

#### Age doesn't always mean more wisdom or more professional drive

First off, age isn't everything, and when it comes to work it isn't an automatic badge of success or wisdom, especially not these days. The truth is, there are plenty of maverick younger professionals who have gained a great deal of expertise in their respective fields during their comparatively short tenures - valuable expertise that you can potentially benefit from.

Furthermore, younger mentors may also come equipped with extra energy and enthusiasm compared to their older counterparts (though this is another well-worn myth that doesn't always hold true), along with novel ways of thinking and approaching projects and tasks - key variables that might be quite helpful when figuring out how to stay current in a work world that seems to be changing at a breakneck pace.

#### Tech savvy is necessary to thrive in the work world today

This notion can be especially true when it comes to navigating new technology that may be sweeping through your industry. The truth is younger people are typically more adept at adopting new tools and can help their older colleagues master them effectively. Staying relevant in today's work world is an especially important topic for older workers, so for this reason alone a younger mentor is worth considering.

#### In a time of career transitions, look to company experts

A younger mentor can also be helpful if you're in the midst of a career change. The reality is, when transitioning to a new career field, which more older workers are apt to do today than ever before, you often have to start at the bottom - which means that there are plenty of things you could potentially learn from someone younger who's possibly only been in the field for a few years.

#### You can help out while getting help yourself

One more key takeaway involves the very nature of the mentor/mentee connection itself - and that's the notion that at its core, it should be a reciprocal and mutually beneficial relationship. Both mentor and mentee can and should benefit from their time spent together, so being older than your mentor may just help you hold up your end of the bargain.

While you're learning some new tricks from a younger mentor, you'll be in the position to impart some of your wisdom and experience to them, making it a win-win situation from everyone involved.

A mentor is a mentor, no matter what age. If you're looking for someone to help you find professional footing, consider a person's experience, temperament, and company or industry knowledge before you even think of writing them off if they're in their twenties or thirties.

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22 In a weepy way  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Language spoken in Dhaka  
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27 College, to a Brit  
28 Long to undo  
30 Augur's sign  
31 Riddle, part 2  
39 Home for mil. jets  
40 Roman love god  
41 Singer James or Jones  
42 Bad guys  
46 Explosive compounds  
48 Hercule creator  
53 From time immemorial  
54 Riddle, part 3  
56 Talk big
- 57 Mr. Capote, to friends  
58 Partner of neither  
59 Liquid asset  
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66 Reciprocal  
69 Army chaplain  
70 The Great Lakes' — Canals  
71 Libreville's country  
72 Everglades mammal  
75 Riddle, part 5  
80 Big name in PCs  
81 Letter two before tau  
83 "— Kapital"  
84 Roof part  
85 Riddle, part 6  
91 Become rigid  
93 Key in again  
94 Thin and watery  
95 Back fish fins  
96 "QED" center  
98 Formerly, old-style  
99 Mendes of "2 Fast 2 Furious"  
100 End of the riddle  
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114 Excessive bureaucracy  
117 Riddle's answer  
123 Offspring-producing animal  
124 Part of ROTC  
125 Rule from the throne  
126 Cheech and Chong personas  
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2 Shocking EMT treatment  
3 Give a speech  
4 Expire  
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6 Rubs elbows  
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- 11 Old stage star Hagen  
12 Martinez of baseball  
13 Ideally  
14 Realize  
15 Sci-fi's Solo  
16 Class jargon  
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19 Running out of steam  
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32 Manicurist's target  
33 Brave in the face of adversity  
34 Give off  
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38 Very wise  
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- 49 Mountain climbers, e.g.  
50 Alexis or Peter, e.g.  
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55 Basic musical chords  
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63 USSR's Cold War foe  
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77 Father, to a tot  
78 Knievel of motorcycle stunts
- 79 Cravings  
82 Hurry it up  
86 Tech detail  
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88 — Scott case  
89 Civil wrong  
90 "Quiet!"  
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92 — Sea (Asian lake)  
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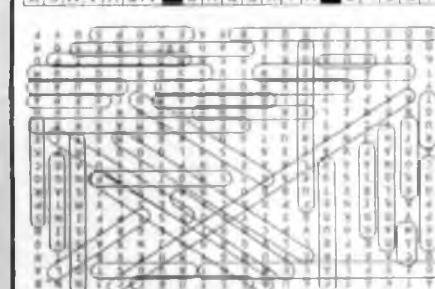
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## ANSWER KEY

SET 1: 1. BAGGER, 2. CRUISE, 3. CRUISER, 4. DISPLACEMENT, 5. DRESSER, 6. ENGINE, 7. FAIRING, 8. FORKS, 9. FUEL INJECTION, 10. GAUGE, 11. HANDLEBAR, 12. HORSEPOWER, 13. HUB, 14. MOTOCROSS, 15. MOTORCYCLE, 16. PASSENGER, 17. PILLION, 18. PISTONS, 19. ROAD, 20. ROOST, 21. SPOKE, 22. SPROCKET, 23. STROKE, 24. TACHOMETER, 25. TORQUE, 26. TOUR, 27. TRACTION, 28. TRAIL, 29. TRANSMISSION, 30. VINTAGE.

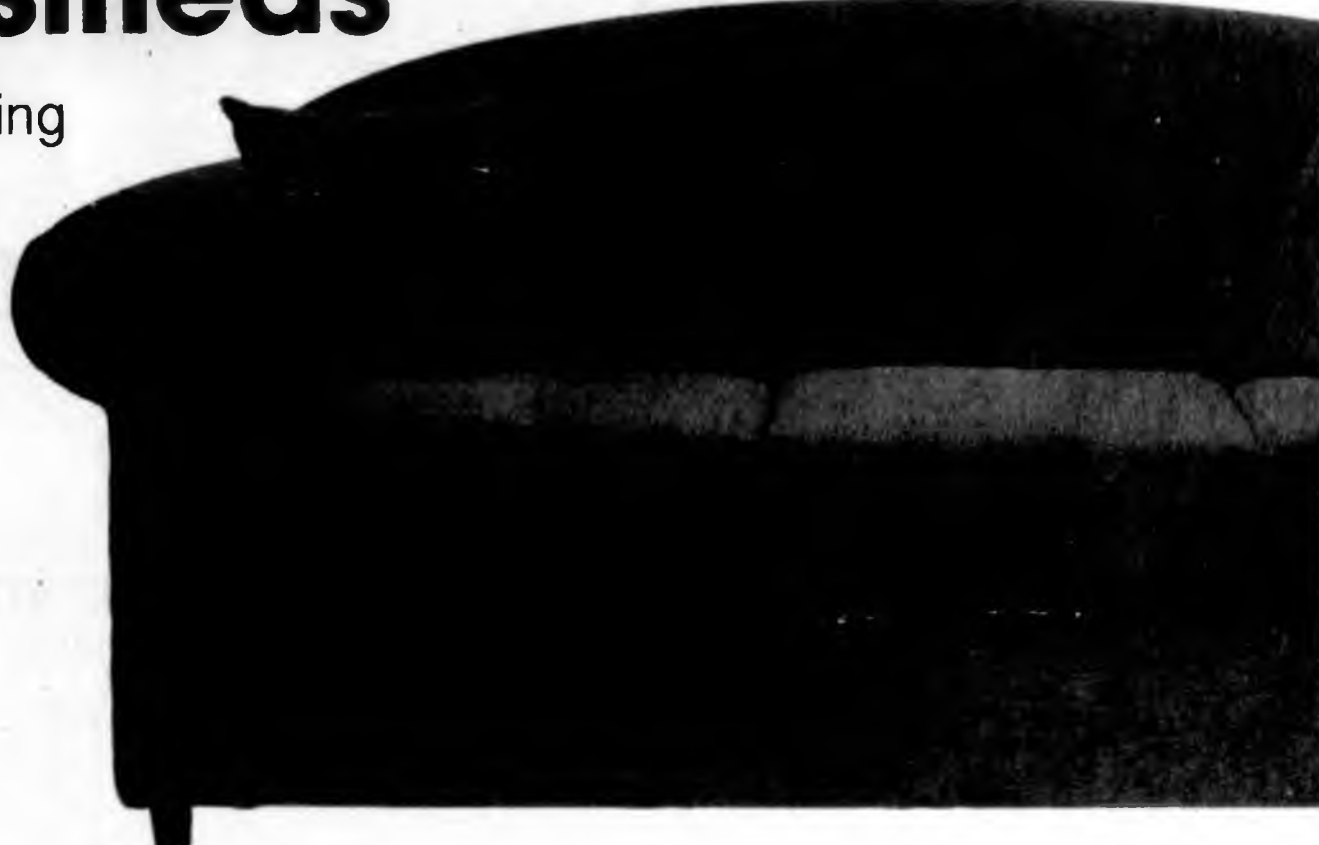


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